

Hiteon Highlights

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District Goal (2010-2015): All students will show continuous progress toward their personal learning goals, developed in collaboration with teachers and parents, and will be prepared for post-secondary education and career success.

Greetings Hiteon Families!

Wishing you a happy fall. We look forward to inviting you in for Parent Teacher Conferences next week. Please drop by the Main Office to say hello.

Cafeteria

Our Cafeteria challenge is to feed approximately 120 students in 20 minutes and get them outside to Recess. Recently, our 3rd - 5th Grade students and Duty Staff were surveyed to gather feedback regarding "how it's going!" When asked, "What do you feel is missing in the Cafeteria?" students provided a myriad of insightful ideas. From recycling to logistics, the student feedback was invaluable. My intention is to deeper explore many of their suggestions as the year unfolds. Currently, we heeded student advice regarding the amount of time it's taking for students to line up and dismiss to Recess. Feedback that this was simply "taking too long" was clear. Cafeteria Duty Staff are working with students to expedite this process. Additionally, all students will be given the option to take a seat of their choice every Friday in the Cafeteria.

Halloween

Hiteon will continue a tradition began last school year. Students will not dress in costumes for Halloween. We plan to leave the Halloween celebrations to you at home after school hours. Instead, students will be invited to "Dress Like a Book Character" in honor of Dr. Seuss's Birthday on March 3rd during Read Across America Week.

Parking Lot

We continue to work toward safe and smooth traffic flow within our parking lot. Please do not U-turn after dropping off your student. There are children crossing the driveway at Davies. It is not an official crosswalk but certainly an area to be cautious in. We are working to get signage to remind drivers not to U-turn and to be cautious of children in this area. Furthermore, traffic must flow continuously outside our Main Entrance in the mornings. Please do not get out of your vehicle when dropping off students. This helps expedite the process. It is helpful if your child is seated on the drop off side of your vehicle.

Upcoming Events

October 2014

- 17th 2:35 pm Popcorn Sales
22nd 9:00 am PTC General Meeting
23rd & 24th **School Conferences**
No Students
30th Middle School Options Program Parent Night 5:30pm-6:30pm

November 2014

- 10th **Staff Development**
No Students
11th **Veterans Day**
School Closed
13th 8:00am Picture Retakes
14th 2:35pm Popcorn Sales
20th Passport Check Day
26th **School Closed**
27th **Thanksgiving School Closed**
28th **School Closed**

December 2014

- 1st **Grading Day No Students**
9th Report Cards Go Home
12th Popcorn Sales
18th Passport Check Day
19th Winter Parties
22nd-31st **Winter Break**
No Students

January 2015

- 1st-2nd **Winter Break**
No Students

School Report Cards

School Report Cards are now available on the Oregon Department of Education website. Please utilize the link below and access Hiteon's most current school report card. Please don't hesitate to contact the Main Office if you have any questions. This data coupled with other data is utilized to inform celebrations and areas of improvement at Hiteon. Oregon School Report Cards can be found at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/data/reportcard/reports.aspx>.

Math Instruction Support

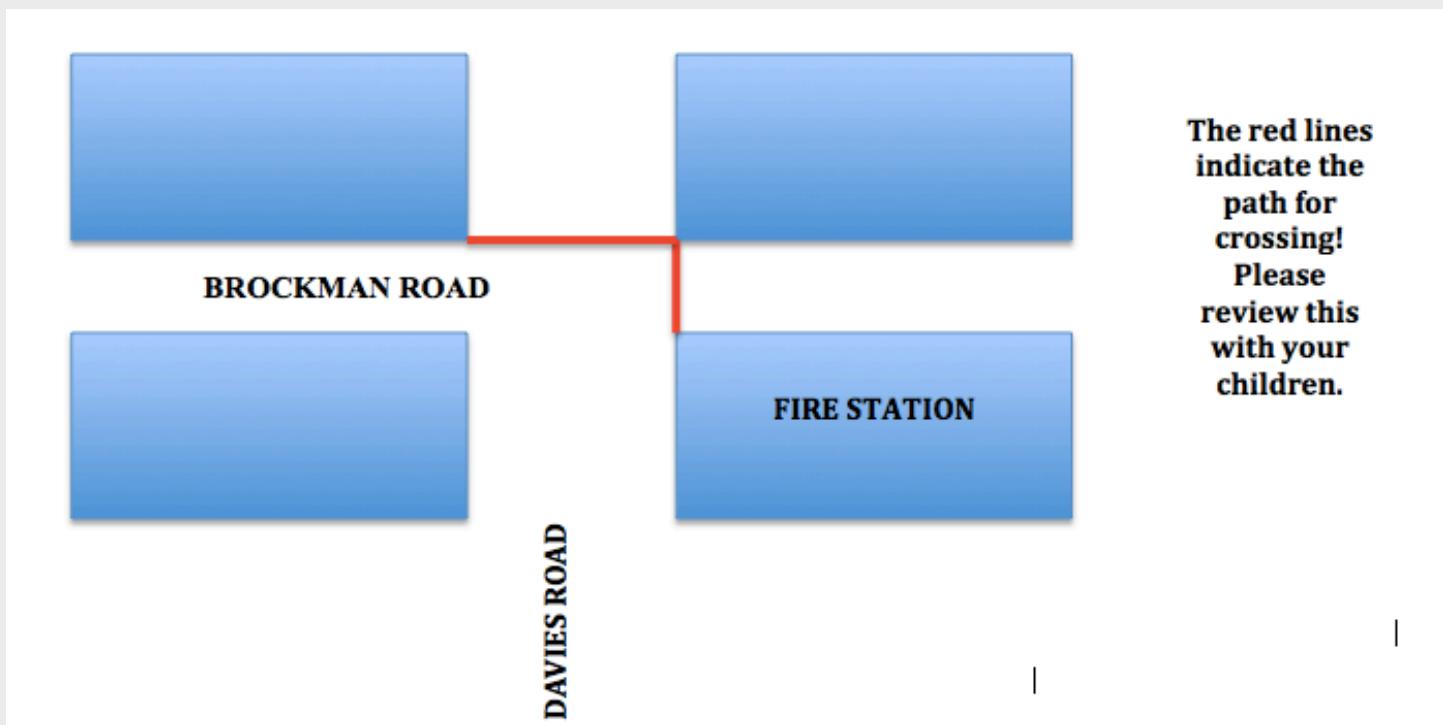
We use a variety of materials to support math instruction. Recently, I was alerted to the following link to assist parents working with their students at home. The website contains homework pages and video of a teacher explaining how to do the various homework pages (related to one of our math resources, Engage New York). We hope you find this resource helpful! http://www.oakdale.k12.ca.us/ENY_Hmwk_Intro_Math

Bond/Safety Upgrades

As part of the Beaverton School District Bond, safety upgrades will be made to Beaverton Schools. At this point in time, there isn't a plan specific to Hiteon. The District is hiring a Safety Consultant Firm that specializes in school and building safety. The process of inventorying schools to determine specific upgrades for each building and timelines will begin in January. The following are the security standards framing potential safety upgrades throughout the district: Building Access Control & Related Features (visitors passing through an entrance door directly into the front office reception area, visibility from the main office area, key-card systems for exterior doors), Site Access Control (fencing around school playgrounds), Communication Systems (public address systems in buildings), Visual Screening (window blinds on interior & exterior first story windows), and Locks for Interior Building Doors (lockable doors from the inside and outside of the room). Further information will come regarding specific plans at Hiteon as it is available.

New Crossing Guard Location

Finally, our Crossing Guard at Davies and Brockman is keeping busy! Your morning Crossing Guard is Olga Taylor and afternoon Crossing Guard, Stella Wong. Please be sure to say hello! The position is assigned to cross two legs of our 4-way intersection. Please utilize the crossing path outlined in red. It's important students wait to be crossed by our Crossing Guards along that path in red.



With warm regards,
Meghan Warren

Christine's Counselor Corner

Each month I'll have announcements or tidbits here for our wider Hiteon community. I must say that it is wonderful to be here full-time and is already making a difference in terms of working with children and families. I am grateful.

Conferences October 22nd & 23rd

This is an excellent time to stop on by to meet with me if there are concerns you have regarding your student or resources you may need in the community. Feel free to send me an email if you'd like to set up a specific time, or just drop by to say hello as it's great to put faces to names. Also, please know that I'm available to sit in on conferences with your student's teacher if you'd like.

Holiday Assistance

These continue to be economically challenging times for a number of families, particularly if a parent is out of work or has health issues. In conjunction with PTC, we will again be able to offer gift cards to families who could use a bit of assistance; this will occur just prior to winter break. If your family would benefit from this, please contact me. Also, please know that this information is kept totally confidential. If you'd like to help provide gift cards, stay tuned as more information will be coming!

Fifth Grade Parents: Middle School Options & Hiteon Parent Night

The option school application process opens on October 27th and closes on January 6th. There is no benefit in applying early, so if you're interested in learning more about middle school options, please plan to attend Hiteon's parent night or an option school open house before sending in the application.

Come join us at Hiteon on Thursday, October 30th, from 5:30-6:30pm, for a special fifth grade parent night on the option schools and process. It can be a daunting task to navigate this process, so we want to make it as informative and easy as possible. Hope to see many of you on the 30th!

For more information on middle school options, please check the Beaverton School District website:
<https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/depts/tchlrn/opts/Pages/default.aspx>